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ENERGY STAR CFL Partners and Stakeholders:

The October 2001 version of the ENERGY STAR® Specification for CFLs has been in place for over a year now. Within that time, the Specification has led the CFL industry to re-evaluate their products, raise their quality standards and produce better ENERGY STAR CFLs. In addition, many partners have taken the initiative to share their thoughts and suggestions on areas of improvement or expansion for the current Specification, such as specific criteria for colored CFLs.

Encouraged by the demand for efficient lighting products and the continuing cooperation with its partners, ENERGY STAR would like to take the CFL program to the next level. Beyond the foundational standard of producing and offering high-quality, efficient CFLs, it is essential that we streamline the program to make accessing qualified products easier for the utilities, lighting distributors, retailers, and consumers.

Therefore, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has decided to begin the revision process of the current ENERGY STAR Specification for CFLs. We strongly encourage all partners to become an active part of this review process and provide their thoughts on the draft Specification. It is important to ENERGY STAR to hear from a variety of partners so that all views and potential consequences are considered before finalizing the Specification. As part of this process, we will be posting the Specification drafts and partner comments on the OPIE web site (<http://www.energystar.gov/opie>) so that everyone has an opportunity to access and review the collected comments.

Attached is the draft of the proposed CFL Specification for your review and comment along with the revision timeline. The first round of comments is due by **January 10, 2003** to Susan Gardner at sgardner@drintl.com. We look forward to working with all of you on this process and if you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact me at 202-586-9217 or e-mail me at Richard.Karney@ee.doe.gov.

Sincerely,

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